

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

PAUL DUFFY,  
Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
PAUL GODFREAD, ALAN COOPER and  
JOHN DOES 1-10,  
Defendants.  
Case No. 13 C 1569  
Chicago, Illinois  
August 27, 2014  
9:30 o'clock a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN W. DARRAH

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1 (Proceedings had in open court:)

2 THE CLERK: 13 C 1569, Duffy versus Godfread, with  
3 related case 13 C 4341, Prenda Law versus Godfread.

4 MS. RUSSELL: Good morning, your Honor. Erin  
5 Russell for Paul Godfread and Alan Cooper.

6 THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Russell.

7 MR. DUFFY: Good morning, your Honor. Paul Duffy  
8 for the plaintiffs.

9 THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Duffy.

10 MR. DUFFY: Good morning.

11 THE COURT: Now, this is the case that sanctions  
12 were awarded back in June in the sum of 11-plus thousand  
13 dollars. What's the status of that?

14 MR. DUFFY: It was awarded against Prenda Law,  
15 Inc., which is not paid yet. It's attempting to acquire the  
16 resources to pay it.

17 THE COURT: I see.

18 MR. DUFFY: I would like an opportunity to present,  
19 if I may, a motion to the Court based on --

20 THE COURT: You what?

21 MR. DUFFY: I would like an opportunity to present  
22 a motion to the Court on behalf of that entity regarding its  
23 ability to pay, if I may.

24 THE COURT: Do you have a motion now?

25 MR. DUFFY: No. I can file it this week, by

1 Friday.

2 THE COURT: All right. Well, that's --

3 MS. RUSSELL: Your Honor --

4 THE COURT: -- two days from now.

5 MS. RUSSELL: Your Honor, I would have to review  
6 the order again, but I believe the memorandum opinion awards  
7 the sanctions against Prenda and Mr. Duffy.

8 THE COURT: I'm not certain at this point but --

9 MS. RUSSELL: I understand --

10 THE COURT: -- you can file whatever you want. You  
11 can file it by Friday --

12 MR. DUFFY: Yes.

13 THE COURT: -- and you can file a response.

14 MS. RUSSELL: I will definitely do that.

15 THE COURT: And Rule 11 is what Rule 11 is. If you  
16 file something that is not in compliance with Rule 11  
17 factually, that could lead to additional sanctions, Mr.  
18 Duffy.

19 MR. DUFFY: I understand, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. DUFFY: Counsel yesterday filed a motion for  
22 default in the 15 -- I believe the 15th --

23 THE COURT: I don't have that before me. When is  
24 that up?

25 MS. RUSSELL: It's noticed up for September 4th,

1 your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Good. Well, we'll address it then.

3 How much time do you want to file a response to  
4 whatever Mr. Duffy wants to file?

5 MS. RUSSELL: It's hard to tell. I would like --

6 THE COURT: Say 14 days?

7 MS. RUSSELL: I guess 14 days is okay. If we think  
8 we need more time when we see it, I'll --

9 THE COURT: Whatever time you think you need.

10 MS. RUSSELL: Let's do 21, and if we can do it  
11 quicker, we will.

12 THE COURT: Okay. That has never in my career ever  
13 happened, where a lawyer ever gets anything done sooner  
14 than --

15 (Laughter.)

16 THE COURT: My own career included, I would say.

17 Okay. So you'll file a response within 21 days of  
18 Friday.

19 Me?

20 THE CLERK: September 19th.

21 THE COURT: And we'll give you an opportunity to  
22 file a reply, Mr. Duffy.

23 MR. DUFFY: That's the --

24 THE COURT: I'm sorry?

25 MR. DUFFY: 14 days, please?

1 THE COURT: 14 days.

2 THE CLERK: October 3rd.

3 THE COURT: And a status date, Mel.

4 THE CLERK: December 4th at 9:30.

5 MR. DUFFY: Thank you, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: See you then.

7 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you, your Honor.

8 (Which were all the proceedings heard.)

9 CERTIFICATE

10 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript  
11 from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

13 /s/ *Mary M. Hacker*

*September 23, 2014*

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